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FOR: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND DECRYPTION
APPARATUS AND METHOD BASED ON
BLOCK ENCRYPTION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.